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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1632

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Examiner: Valarie E. Bertoglio

APPLICATION NO: 09/964,899

FILED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

FOR: IDENTIFICATION OF GENES INVOLVED IN ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE USING DROSOPHILIA MELANOGASTER

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir/Madam:

The Office Action of October 3, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 3, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a).


Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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